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SUBJ: TANGOV CONDEMS ISRAELI ACTION IN UGANDA

HEREIN FOLLOWS COMPLETE TEXT OF TANGOV STATEMENT AS CARRIED IN  
"DAILY NEWS" OF JULY 6, 1976.

BEGIN TEXT:

1. "THE GOVERNMENT OF UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA HAS BEEN SHOCKED  
BY THE RECKLESS AND LAWLESS ACTION TAKEN BY THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT  
USING ITS ARMED FORCES TO INVADE THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA ON THE  
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DECLARED GROUNDS OF RESCUING THE HOSTAGES FROM THE HIJACKERS.

2. "THIS ACTION CARRIED OUT AT ENTEBBE AIRPORT, UGANDA IN THE EARLY HOURS OF JULY 4 CONSTITUTES A BLATANT VIOLATION OF THE SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTERGRITY OF AN AFRICAN STATE. IT IS IN FACT NOTHING SHORT OF AN ACT OF AGGRESSION AGAINST A MEMBER OF THE OAU AND THE UN.

3. "THE ISRAELI AUTHORITIES HAVE ATTEMPTED TO JUSTIFY THEIR ACTION FOR THAT GRAVE VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AND THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS, AS BEING MOTIVATED BY HUMANITARIAN CONSIDERATIONS NAMELY THE RELEASE OF THE HOSTAGES FROM THEIR HIJACKERS.

4. "BUT SUCH JUSTIFICATIONS ARE HOLLOW AND WITHOUT FOUNDATION WHATSOEVER, THROUGH THIS ACTION THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT DOES NOT ONLY BEAR FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DEATH OF SO MANY UGANDAN CITIZENS, IT IS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATH OF SOME OF THE VERY HOSTAGES IT SOUGHT TO SAVE.

5. "THUS THIS ACT OF PIRACY DEMONSTRATES ISRAEL'S CALLOUS DISREGARD FOR HUMAN LIFE AND PARTICULARLY THE LIVES OF SO MANY AFRICANS WHO FELL UNDER THE BULLETS OF THE INVADING ISRAELIS.

6. "THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA CONDEMNS THIS RECKLESS AND UNWARRANTED ISRAELI ACTION. IT CONSIDERS SUCH A VIOLATION OF THE SOVEREIGNTY OF AN AFRICAN STATE BY ISRAEL AS A MATTER OF GRAVE CONCERN TO THE ENTIRE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AND MORE PARTICULARLY TO THE OAU MEMBER STATES. IN EXPRESSING ITS OUT RAGE AGAINST THE ISRAELI INVASION OF UGANDA THE GOVERNMENT IS NOT IN ANY WAY INSENSITIVE TO THE PLIGHT OF THE HOSTAGES - ISRAELI S AS WELL AS OTHERS WHO WERE TAKEN BY THE HIJACKERS. IN FACT, TANZANIA HAS FOLLOWED THEIR PREDICAMENT WITH GREAT CONCERN AND SYMPATHY.

7. "WE HAVE ALWAYS MAINTAINED THAT SUCH ENDANGERING OF HUMAN LIFE IS SOMETHING THAT MUST BE AVOIDED AND THAT NO EFFORTS BE SPARED TO AVOID RECURRENCE OF INCIDENTS OF THIS NATURE. IN THE PARTICULAR CASE OF THE HIJACKED PLANE TO ENTEBBE, WE WERE CONCERNED AT THE LIVES OF ALL HOSTAGES AND HAD HOPED THAT EVERYTHING WOULD BE DONE SO THAT NO SINGLE LIFE IS LOST. REGRETTABLY, ISRAEL'S IRRESPON-  
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SIBLE MILITARY ACTIONS HAVE FRUSTRATED OUR HOPES.

8. "THE FLAGARANT VIOLATION OF A COUNTRY'S SOVEREIGNTY IS A MATTER WHICH SHOULD CAUSE AN OUTRAGE TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. BUT FOR AFRICA, ISRAEL'S ACTION HAS SERIOUS IMPLICATIONS. THE FACT THAT ISRAELI HAS COMMITTED THIS ACTION AGAINST AN INDEPENDENT AFRICAN STATE SHOWS THE CONTEMPT THAT SHE HAS FOR AFRICA AND THE AFRICAN PEOPLE.

9. "FOR THIS IS NOT THE FIRST TIME THAT ISRAELI CITIZENS HAVE FALLEN VICTIMS OF HIJACKING AND OTHER ACTIONS. IT HAS HAPPENED ELSEWHERE. YET ISRAEL HAS NOT EVEN ONCE MOUNTED ANYTHING OF THIS NATURE AGAINST THOSE COUNTRIES. IT IS THE CONTEMPT WHICH ISRAEL HAS FOR THE SOVEREIGNTY OF AFRICAN STATES WHICH HAS PROMPTED HER TO ACT IN SUCH AN ARROGANT AND LAWLESS MANNER.

AFRICA HAS TO DRAW THE NECESSARY CONCLUSIONS FROM THIS ACTION.

10. OVER AND ABOVE THIS, THERE IS ANOTHER DIMENSION OF THE ISRAELI OPERATIONS WHICH FREE AFRICA MUST NOT LOSE SIGHT OF. THIS IS THE CALLOUS AND ARBITRARY WAY AFRICA'S SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY IS VIOLATED WHENEVER THE LIVES OF SOME WHITES ARE INVOLVED. FOR THE ISRAELI AGGRESSION AGAINST UGANDA EVOKES THE BITTER MEMORIES OF THE MILITARY INTERVENTION IN STANLEYVILLE IN 1964.

11. "THIS DANGEROUS PRECEDENT OF ARBITRARY VIOLATION OF AFRICA'S SOVEREIGNTY BY THE ISRAELI AUTHORITIES MUST NOT BE TAKEN LIGHTLY. FREE AFRICA HAS TO RIGHTLY RECOGNISE THAT THIS CHALLENGE AND PROVOCATION AGAINST UGANDA IS IN FACT CHALLENGE AND GROSS PROVOCATION AGAINST THE WHOLE OF AFRICA. AFRICA MUST TAKE ALL THE NECESSARY MEASURES AND PRECAUTIONS AGAINST A REPETITION OF THIS HEINOUS CRIME FROM ANY QUARTER." END TEXT  
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